

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action mailed May 18, 2004 ("Office Action"). At the time of the Office Action, Claims 4-5, 10, 13-14, 16, 20-21, 25, and 29-34 were pending and Claims 4-5, 13-14, 20-21, and 29-34 were allowed. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 10, 16, and 25. Applicant cancels Claims 10, 16, and 25.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 10, 16, and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,675,745 issued to Oku et al. ("*Oku*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,410,344 issued to Graves et al. ("*Graves*"), U.S. Patent No. 5,499,340 issued to Barritz ("*Barritz*"), and U.S. Patent No. 5,708,780 issued to Levergood et al. ("*Levergood*"). Applicant cancels Claims 10, 16, and 25.

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitations of Claims 4-5, 13-14, 20-21, and 29-34 by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

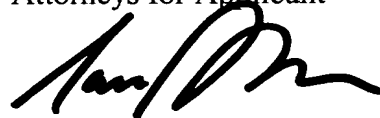
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Samir A. Bhavsar, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6581.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-0765.

Respectfully submitted,

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